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Dear Employer

Preventing lead poisoning has become a national priority. Exposure to lead can cause elevated blood lead levels, which are harmful to the health. The US Public Health Service aims to eliminate lead exposures which result in adult blood lead levels greater than 25µg/dl.

In Washington State, results of blood lead tests that are likely to be work-related are forwarded to the Department of Labor and Industries' SHARP research program. SHARP's goal is to inform, educate, and provide technical help to companies and industries that present a risk of lead exposure to employees and owners. SHARP is not a "rules and regulations" branch of L&I and therefore does not enforce regulations, compliance, or penalties.

Through our occupational lead poisoning registry (run jointly with the Department of Health), we learned that at least one of your employees recently had an elevated blood lead level (above 25 µg/dl). Present safeguards in your company against employee lead poisoning may not be effective.

We would like to work with you in a cooperative manner to reduce lead exposures in your workplace. We can provide you with technical assistance in reducing lead exposure. If needed, we can direct you to other sources for consultation (public, private, and university).

Please take a minute to review the enclosed information on lead exposure. If we can provide any assistance, do not hesitate to contact SHARP at 1-888-667-4277. We look forward to working with you to address this health issue.

Sincerely,

Occupational Lead Registry Coordinator
SHARP Program

Enclosures